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Application Number	09/008965
Filing Date	11/13/2001
First Named Inventor	Genduso
Art Unit	2839
Examiner Name	Prasad
Attorney Docket Number	RPS9 2001 0086 US1

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 08/20/2004 AWONDAF1 00000014 500563 10008965

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For: Connector Assembly Suitable for
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to a Data Processing System

Art Unit:

2839

Examiner:

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 18, 2004**

MAIL STOP AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated March 18, 2004 (the "Office Action") in the above referenced patent application after careful consideration to propose amendments and to address the issues raised therein and to highlight why the amendments place the case in condition for allowance. An RCE and a Petition requesting extension of the response period are submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

A petition extending the period for response is submitted herewith.